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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM ICEM TRANSMITTED FOR
YOUR CONSIDERATION.

QUOTE

FROM PROMIGRANT GENEVA 18/3 SC

FOR MESSRS BRENNAN/STEIN OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS
PROMIGRANT 441 -
WITH REFERENCE TO STATE UNCLASSIFIED 058787 THE FOLLOWING ARE
ICEM COMMENTS
ONE - ICEM IS VERY GRATEFUL FOR COMPREHENSIVE REPLIES GIVEN IN
STATE 058787 AND IS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT AUTHORIZATION
FOR ADDITIONAL TRANSFERS TO USG ACCOUNT NO 5 TO FUND TRAVEL COSTS
BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND INLAND USA WILL SHORTLY BE FORTHCOMING AS
WELL AS INITIAL SEPARATE FUNDING FOR TRANSIT CARE AND MAINTENANCE
PLUS VISA FEES IN HONG KONG STOP IT IS ALSO A CONSIDERABLE
SIMPLIFICATION FOR ALL CONCERNED THAT A FLAT RATE OF USD 320 PER
ADULT PRO RATA FOR CHILDREN/INFANTS IS ADOPTED FOR PROMISSORY
NOTES AND CAN BE USED TO ADJUST RETROACTIVELY THE OUTSTANDING
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PROMISSORY NOTES UNDER THIS PROGRAMME STOP
TWO - REGARDING ITEM 1 C ICEM HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS RESPONSIBILI
TY
BEING ASSIGNED TO VOLAG JOINT REPRESENTATIVES AND THIS WILL BE
ESSENTIAL FOR LOCATIONS SUCH AS MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, AND THE
PHILIPPINES WHERE ICEM AT PRESENT HAS NO ON-THE-SPOT REPRESENTATION
STOP HOWEVER IN THAILAND ICEM WAS GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT HAD

RESPONSIBILITY TO ARRANGE AND PAY FOR PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGER-PRINTING AND MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROCESSING OF THE FIRST 75 PERSONS WHICH COMMENCED ON 11 MARCH AND FOR WHOM ICEM UNDERTOOK SUCH ARRANGEMENTS STOP AS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF POTENTIAL ASS EE OE N THAILAND, IT IS CONSIDERED THE VOLAG REPRESENTATIVE HAS ALREADY A CONSIDERABLY AMOUNT OF WORK TO COPE WITH AND WOULD WELCOME BEING RELIEVED OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS INVOLVED AT VARIOUS CAMP LOCATIONS STOP HOWEVER IF A FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS ONLY TO UNHCR TO MEET THESE VOLAG EXPENDITURES ICEM OBVIOUSLY HAS NO OBJECTIONS STOP

THREE - THE COMMENTS REGARDING DR KARALNIK S SERVICES ARE NOTED AND THE APPRECIATION FOR HIS WORK ON EPP STOP UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS REFERRED TO IN GENEVA 1939 HE IS AT PRESENT ASSIGNED BY ICEM TO BANGKOK THROUGH 30 JUNE 1977 STOP

FOUR - REGARDING ITEMS 4 AND 5 ICEM WILL PREPARE SEPARATELY COST ESTIMATES AND SEES NO REASON FOR CONGEN HK TO FORESEE DIFFICULTIES IN COORDINATING MOVEMENTS THROUGH TWO ICEM OFFICES ACCORDING TO DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES MENTIONED STATE CABLE 190924 OF 2 AUG 76 STOP IN 1976 THE TWO OFFICES COLLABORATED CLOSELY ON TRANSIT ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH HONG KONG FOR EPP CASES AND IN TERMS OF SUCH ARRANGEMENTS THE ONLY MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN 1977 IS THAT THE TRANSIT PERIOD WILL BE TWO/THREE DAYS INSTEAD OF OVERNIGHT AND CONTROL OF THE TIMING OF MOVEMENTS IS WITH INS HK RATHER THAN IN BANGKOK STOP DUE TO LATTER ELEMENT ICEM GENEVA HAS NO OBJECTIONS IF CONGEN HK WISHES TO FIX DATES FOR MOVEMENTS WITH MR STEWART WHO THEN NOTIFIES MR LEOFREDDI RATHER THAN GOING THROUGH CONGEN BKK TO CONTACT MR LEOFREDDI STOP ICEM CONSIDERS ESSENTIAL TO POINT OUT THAT IN RESPECTING AGREEMENT WITH HK GOVT FOR MAXIMUM THREE DAYS UNCLASSIFIED

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TRANSIT STAY IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL FOR BOOKINGS AND TICKETS TO BE OBTAINED WELL IN ADVANCE OF DATE OF MOVEMENTS TO HONG KONG AND THAT SUCH SCHEDULES AND TENTATIVE PASSENGERS ARE NOTIFIED BY ICEM TO VOLAGS IN USA OR OTHERWISE THE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF 6 TO 7 DAYS FOR RECEPTION REQUIRED FOR EPP WILL NOT BE MAINTAINED STOP FOR THIS REASON ICEM HONG KONG CAN WELL USE THE ASSISTANCE OF ICEM BANGKOK ""

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